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Citicorp Trustee Company Limited as Bond Trustee  
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Dear Sirs

**£884,075,000 4.674% Series A Fixed Rate Guaranteed Bonds due 2040**  
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We refer to the above fixed rate bond issues.

Aspire Defence Finance plc ("the Issuer") certifies that, up to 30 June 2009 ("the Certified Date"), the Issuer has complied with its material obligations under the Series A Bond Trust Deed and the Series B Bond Trust Deed (together "the Bond Trust Deeds") and that as at the Certified Date there did not exist nor had there existed at any time 30 May 2008, being the certified date in respect of the previous such certificate, any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default or other matter which would affect the Issuer's ability to perform its material obligations under the Bond Trust Deeds.

The statements in this certificate are subject to any Events of Default and/or Potential Events of Default that were disclosed in connection with and which were remedied and/or waived by the Credit Providers pursuant to the terms of the implementation agreement dated 15 May 2009 between, amongst others, the Issuer, you as Series A Bond Trustee and Series B Bond Trustee, MBIA and Ambac. Any such Events of Default and/or Potential Events of Default are no longer subsisting as at the Certified Date.

Terms defined in the Master Definitions Schedule (as defined in the Bond Trust Deeds) shall have the same meaning where used in this certificate

Yours faithfully